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☒ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference AP2 under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.

☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.

☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.

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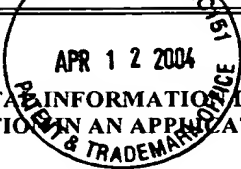
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✓	AO2	WO 93/08928	05/13/1993	DTM Corporation		
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✓	AZ	DTM Corporation., "THE SINTERSTATION™ 2000 SYSTEM SELECTIVE LASER SINTERING USER'S GUIDE" (DTM Corporation, November 1993)
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